W.R. Grace & Co.-Conn. et al. District of Delaware, Bankruptcy Case No. 01-01139

Exhibit A

Description of Settlement	MDNR filed three claims in Grace chapter 11 cases. The filed claims (the "Claims") are as follows: (i) Claim 15180 in the amount of \$30,000 for penalties as a result of alleged violations of Missouri state environmental regulations; (ii) Claim 15181 in an unliquidated amount for environmental clan-up costs and (iii) Claim 15182 in an estimated amount of \$250,000 for natural resources damage. Each of the Claims asserts an unsecured, pre-petition, non-priority claim. Each of the Claims relates to alleged pollution on property owned by Grace located in Jasper County, Missouri, near Joplin, Missouri.	The Parties have agreed to settle the three Claims as follows: (a) Grace agrees to allow Claim number 15182 as an unsecured, pre-petition, non-priority claim in the amount of \$80,000.00; (b) MDNR agrees that Claims 15180 and 15181 shall be expunged and disallowed for all purposes; and (c) MDNR agrees that it is forever barred, estopped and enjoined from asserting any additional pre-petition or administrative claims against the Debtors. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the disallowance and expungement of Claim No. 15181 shall not affect MDNR's rights, if any, to pursue post-petition clean-up costs against Grace with respect to any future clean-up obligations that may arise with respect to property owned by Grace.
Settling Parties:	Missouri Department of Natural Resources ("MDNR") and Grace	
Debtor:	W.R. Grace & Co. ("Grace")	